

The Artesia Advocate.

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STORY NOT HALF TOLD

of Having to go to Press Last Week Before the Big Well Was Quite Finished and Drill Removed, an Inaccurate Account Was Given.

THE LARGEST WELL IN THE UNITED STATES

Well Was Finished Saturday Three Miles East of Artesia.

In the description of this well the following figures are given: The well is 100 feet deep. Cased from top with six inch casing. The water is forced one-half feet above top of the ditch carrying water off the wide, square sides, level by filling it to depth of surface velocity two feet which according to geologists figures a discharge of one and one-half gallons per minute, deducting which is the rule to obtain city of volume of water 2500 gallons per minute discharge of water. These figures are modestly leaning in the conservative side. It is a well so far found anywhere else that it is one to believe figures given in the well last week on the issue of the paper for giving an accurate description of the well. The drilling machinery was removed and indeed a description was given of the blunder we owe and all concerned a very sincere report was true in the well will keep in your mind filling pipe, 5 inches in diameter. The back pressure last week was correct, 90 pounds. The pump came from the well and very some of the facts above. Everyone smiled and very strong things report. Some walking their wisdom and listening to such wild tales more than just any stayed and as they supplied with the rider. But the old how the water raised the height of drilling pipe and held water, now lower as pleased of the water all lagged and then a good one and electric club. Finally Mr. Cecil came in, and the way he behaved cigars around and to reason in the most convincing, made it begin to seek. Advocate immediately disappeared to the scene of the well for two hours in the moonlight and watched in wonderful demonstration of the God, nature, the foaming, roaring, throwing sprays and sparkling droplets and laughed in the. Happy and rejoicing from from a long impression the deep bowels of the earth higher as it in an effort to resume and gather its further and more excellent. At one time as the snow from heaven at remained aim at a blood red for to cleanse its passage. The leaping and tossing, showing almost as large as your feet as ten feet from the casing.

Meantime in the city was occurring a demonstration peculiar only to western towns. What our brother from the east would understand as "shoot-up the town." Those who were uninformed, immediately bethought themselves that it was Hallow E'en. But those concerned had but one motive in mind. That was to celebrate the Cecil well as it is popularly called on account of Mr. Cecil's residence here.

Hacks were ordered out until a late hour Saturday night and visits paid to the well. All day Sunday the road was filled with vehicles going and coming, many walking the distance of three miles on account of inability to secure transportation. We cannot keep our minds from wandering back to events of a few weeks prior when certain small members of the valley undertook to build up their part of it by trying to tear down other parts. That certain small member said we were out of the Artesian belt, as it only extended a short distance below Hagerman. Admitting, however that there were a few very uncertain wells down somewhere in an unheard of and almost unknown region which were obtained after months of discouraging and disheartening toil. We can't understand what that member expected to gain by that statement. He knows we have had wells for some time to demonstrate the falseness of the statement. He would narrow the productive part of the valley down so much that we could never hope to be felt in the wide market of the country. It is the policy of the Advocate to speak a good word for the whole valley. We know, and no man can honestly deny that the vicinity of Roswell and Hagerman is rich and productive. But we also know that the same pertains to our own part of the valley. We can reasonably claim the greatest Artesian wells in the valley and we can show where ditches from streams are being used the same as they advertise. Both are good. What we particularly specialize is the fact that ours is a more newly settled part of the valley thus giving greater opportunities for development with less cost to the investor. Lands being very reasonable and even government land to be had at a reasonable distance from town.

We would not attempt to tear down one part of the valley to build up another. In order to make ourselves felt in the markets of the country, we must widen our borders, fill up every available productive part and thus make our gross production worth considering. This well which was drilled by Messrs. Chapman & Sperry was fitted within six week's time and would have been completed sooner had it not been for a delay on account of not being able to get coal for the boiler, which will be overcome in the next few weeks. Then they can reasonably figure on within four weeks. Not so long and tedious a time considering what you have in the end.

There are a number of excellent drills at work in the valley and another expected any day, so the force of our development gradually increases.

We would throw the cloak of charity and forgiveness over those who have attempted to do us injury and welcome them in a visit of inspection and if they are not repaid for their trouble, let us know and we feel sure they will be remunerated. We would say to strangers contemplating a visit, don't fail to see this greatest wonder of the valley.

ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY.

In response to an invitation from "Home Talent,"—"To come early and leave the dogs at home,"—a large and expectant crowd assembled at the school house last Friday night and truly they were not disappointed. The entertainment was in the way of a minstrel, and in each character is the personification of a coon, covered himself with glory.

Mr. Hubert Logan in his coon songs and clog dance was superb—was the music, and the entertainment was interspersed with recitations by the school children which were well rendered and heartily enjoyed by all. During the evening a literary society was organized and all given an invitation to join. This society will give an entertainment at the school house every other Friday night from now on, consisting of music, recitations and interesting debates on leading questions of the day, which will be of great pleasure and profit to both young and old, and all are cordially invited to take part. This will be a most delightful and elevating way of spending an occasional long winter evening. Officers were elected and Judge A. V. Logan was made president. An interesting program was arranged for Friday, Nov. 13. Don't forget the night, and come out one and all.

On last Saturday it was reported here that there would be no Sunday evening train from the north and no Monday morning train from the south. But on Monday morning there was a train came shipping along from the south about 9 o'clock and put off the mail as usual. Several of our citizens were disappointed, as they wanted to go north, but of course were not accepting a train and were not down there. The people of Artesia don't know anything about the train service these days, and our people here are beginning to be "sore" over such works. It is to be hoped the railroad company will in some way give us telegraph service right away.

Mr. D. W. Robertson, late of Denton county, Texas, but now living three miles north of town, left this week for a visit of several months to Texas, Ohio and other places.

Mr. G. C. Cleveland is having some improvements made on his residence just east of town this week.

Miss Allie B. Clayton has returned from Roswell where she has been attending school, and will enter school here.

Just before going to press we learn that Mr. Joe Clayton is a candidate for Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 6. The people of Artesia all know Joe, and if elected to this position will no doubt fill the office of J. P. creditably.

Mr. Higley's large feed, flour and coal store is rapidly nearing completion. We will soon have another of the much needed institutions opened and ready for business. Enterprising men are being attracted by the unusual advantages offered by Artesia and surrounding country.

NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the literary society will be held at the school house Friday evening November 13th at which time a debate on the following question will be had: Resolved:—"That there is more pleasure in Pursuit than in possession." Mr. Peck having chosen the following to defend the resolution:—Dr. J. M. Ross, J. R. Blair, Joe Clayton, Dr. Rhoads and Hubert Logan. Judge Logan having chosen the following to deny the resolution:—G. P. Cleveland, A. D. Jones, James Naylor, W. E. Chipman and Thos. Logan.

A miscellaneous program will also be given, the members of which cannot be at the present time announced. Let everyone come out and encourage by their presence and help this laudable manner of spending an evening. Any who desire to take part, will give their name to any of the officers or Mr. Peck.

DEAD MAN FOUND.

Roswell, N. M. Nov. 3.—This morning a Mexican brought news to town that the dead body of a man with a rock tied to him was found in the river near town. It was the body of a white man about 30 years old, brown hair, clean shaven, badly decomposed.

An inquest was held by Sheriff Higgins and Coroner Peacock, who rendered the following verdict:

"We find from evidence that deceased came to his death from being struck on the head with a blunt instrument at the hands of an unknown person."

The supposition is the deed was committed for robbery.

IT IS ALL RIGHT.

It does us good to read in an editorial in the Wichita Eagle the following: "New Mexico is said by many people who have visited that territory, to be the garden of the world. The soil is excellent and the climate superb. Farm products of all kinds grow in abundance and there is no better field for cattle raising."

The above is written in support of our claim for statehood. The Eagle and a number of those concerned in its production have been personal acquaintances of the writer for a number of years. Thus fact adds to the appreciation of the statements made about us if they are in a nut shell. We feel that if the writer would pay a visit to the Pecos Valley, the next shell would break and a full sized editorial would blossom forth.

Do you realize that the orchard planters in Missouri and Arkansas pay exactly the same price for their trees that you pay for yours delivered to your railway station? The reason why you are on the same footing with the planter, who is almost at the door of the great nursery center, is because Stark Bros., Nursery and Orchard Co., grow millions of trees of the best varieties of well treated fruit, on ideal nursery soil, dig them by immense machine tree diggers with tractor engine or mule power, rush them to coast, frost-proof packing houses and ship them to you, carefully packed, by freight, pre-paid, at the same price that the thousand-acre orchardists of Missouri pay for their trees. If you want the best trees of most profitable varieties, Love's Nursery Agency will see that you get them.

A train carrying one of the big football teams was run into by another train in Indianapolis a few days ago with disastrous results to the football players, a number of the big sturdy fellows being killed. They must have been taken completely off their guard or the tacking train would have been the one to suffer injury. Meet me at the well

Desert Land, Final Proof—Notice For Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Roswell, New Mexico, September 30, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that Floy B. Hamilton of Roswell, Chaves County New Mexico has filed notice of intention to make proof on her desert-land claim No. 611, for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15, T. 16 S., R. 26 E., before the Register or Receiver at Roswell New Mexico, on Saturday the 14th day of November, 1903.

She names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: John Richey of Roswell, N. M., Nathan J. Tadcox of Roswell, N. M., Claire Richey of Roswell, N. M., James C. Hamilton, of Roswell, N. M.

HOWARD LELAND, Register.

Contest Notice.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Roswell, New Mexico, September 18, 1903.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Allena Holders, contestant, against home tract entry No. 1072, made April 26, 1901, for S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 24, Township 17 S., Range 6 E., by Wilbert G. West Contestee, which it is alleged that said Wilbert G. West has never established is home hereon, has wholly abandoned said tract and changed his residence therefrom for more than six months since making said entry and

ext prior to the date of said affidavit, that said tract is not settled upon and cultivated by said party as required by law and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States in time of war; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on November 20, 1903, before J. Mack Smith, U. S. Court Commissioner, at Artesia, Eddy County New Mexico, (and that oral hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on November 27, 1903, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land-Office in Roswell, New Mexico.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed September 23, 1903, set forth facts which show that her due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

HOWARD LELAND, Register, DAVID L. GEYER, Receiver.

Notice For Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LAND OFFICE AT ROSWELL, N. M., October 16, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register or Receiver at Roswell, New Mexico, on December 2, 1903, viz: Homer Willingham, Homestead application No. 930, for the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 1, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 12, T. 16 S., R. 26 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Lafayette J. Beard, of Roswell, N. M.; Frank Loyd, of Hagerman, N. M.; James J. Simpson, of Carlsbad, N. M.; Henry H. Simons, of Hagerman, N. M.

HOWARD LELAND, Register.

Don't forget next Friday night.

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The Artesia Advocate

PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY.
GAYLE TALBOT, PROPRIETOR.
This paper has been entered in the postoffice at Artesia, New Mexico, as second-class mail matter.
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We received this week a very artistically printed blotter and calendar from Charles S. Kessler, manager of The Roswell Printing Company.
A. J. Walton, a young man from Cleburne, Texas, was a prospector in the valley Wednesday.

According to our new time card of the P. V. & N. E. Ry., our evening train will arrive at 7 o'clock, except Sunday and the morning train at 9:15 o'clock, except Monday. The Stop over at Carlsbad is cut out. Between Roswell and Amarillo a daily mail and express is put on. Between Roswell and Pecos, mixed trains only will be run, and there will be no train Sunday evening nor Monday morning.

Mr. Claire Richey who has been in Roswell several days on business, returned Tuesday. Elaine, his brother, met him at the train and took him out to the ranch.
Mr. Kite of Dallas, Texas, and his brother from Carlsbad were in Artesia Tuesday prospecting.

The commentator feels moved to write a word of warning to Advocate readers, more especially those who live at a distance who are land holders in the vicinity of Artesia. The increase in the number of wells, especially such as the new C. A. P. well necessarily increases the volume of our land holdings. Land near one of these wells easily double many times in value in a very short time.

There can be no doubt that another year is going to witness changes that at present are past the imagination of most busy men. As the Mormons around Salt Lake say "The Desert shall Blossom Like the Rose," it is not sure, however, that they don't take it from the bible.—As the religious editor is absent and we are very busy will leave you to settle that for yourselves.—But the fact remains that great strides are to be taken in cultivation and irrigation from the big wells. The word of warning we would give is in regard to insuring yourselves against contests by doing the full amount of assessment work on your holdings. If there is to be a difference one way or another let it be in excess of the necessary amount. Your land is too valuable to take any chances. The man who may come in and see a valuable piece of land with scarcely enough improvement to hold it cannot be blamed for contesting. We are all human, we are all trying to increase our earthly holdings, be they little or great. Don't depend on friendship too much, for until the millennium you will be your own keeper.

Real estate in and around Artesia is not of fiction but real value. If you care for a valuable piece of real estate take warning and improve amply and timely. It is all yours after you have put it on the land, so you are in no way loser. If you don't care, wake up some morning with the little papered shingle on what might have been your competence in a few years.

A discussion among eastern sportsmen will be of interest to our own readers. They are exerting themselves to discover the animal or what-not that pulls the finest ducks under water so mysteriously just as the excellent sportsman would reach out to claim his well earned prize. The Wichita Eagle suggests the cinder beetle, but the Kansas City Star objects on the ground that he would corrode if he undertook to live in water, also his weight would not permit his rising to the surface. It then suggests ash toads or railroad frogs. We have no doubt that our local club can solve the question as soon as the soap brigade is organized and working. We understand the unwritten law of the club is one undertaking at a time on account of the ponderousness of its undertakings.

Contest Notice.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE
Roswell, New Mexico, October 16, 1903.
A sufficient affidavit having been filed in this office by Louise Deas, contestant, against homestead entry No. 1135, made June 27, 1890, for the southeast quarter of Section 10, Township 17 S., Range 28 E., by Samuel M. Gwin Contestee, in which it is alleged that said Samuel M. Gwin did not establish his residence on said land, has not cultivated nor improved the same as required by law, it is wholly abandoned and entry's id parties are hereby notified to appear in person and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on December 15, 1903, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, New Mexico.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit filed November 3, 1903, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.
HOWARD LELAND, Register.

J. L. White was in Roswell Tuesday.
Mr. Christian went to Roswell Wednesday.

Contest Notice.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE
Roswell, New Mexico, October 16, 1903.
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Joseph O. Wall against homestead on 77 No. 10, Township 10 N., Range 20 E., by Charles F. Prier Contestee, in which it is alleged that said Joseph O. Wall has never established his residence thereon, has wholly abandoned said land, and that the same is wholly abandoned and entry's id parties are hereby notified to appear in person and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on December 15, 1903, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, New Mexico.

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ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO.

Hardwick was down this

Logan made a quick trip
Tuesday.

Banner and Mrs. Gilbert,
about nine miles southwest
are married in Artesia last
afternoon, Rev. Gage officia-

erson has completed the
hotel. They are now pro-
ing old kind of winter.

Last Saturday evening was Hallow
E'en, but on account of the well ex-
citement, but few thought of it, and
the few soon forgot it when they
learned the news. A lesser few who
had retired from the demonstration
and did not learn the real facts un-
til next morning, were surprised on
waking to find everything in order.
Conclusion—Don't retire too early
these interesting times or you will
miss something.

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are so attractive and
are so reasonable that we
are saying that we can
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wearer every cent they
We have Shoes

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can fit any sized foot. Be
to come in and look at the
s. Those good old summer
shoes are now out of date
you will have to get some
pretty soon. We have a
new stock of

vershoes Rubber Boots and Arctics.

and get fixed up for win-
We can please you or you
have to take 'em.

Yours Truly,

LOGAN & DYER

Mr. O. L. Hicks, Artesia's expert
hunt-man has received a call to come
up into the mountains about Wood
and kill bear. They are making
things interesting for the sheep and
hog raisers, and have so far eluded
those living about there. We guaran-
tee there will be less bear in those
parts after Mr. Hick's visit.

A nice first class hotel will be built
on the Denning lots in front of Dr.
Rhodes' drug store as soon as plans
can be made. The building will cost
about three thousand dollars. So we
will be in good shape to take care of
the people before winter.

T. J. Stephens of Hereford, Texas,
was in Artesia Friday prospecting.

Mr. Warner, of Carlsbad and his
brother, recently from Illinois, are
in Artesia looking to the interest of
a hardware business here.

Dr. A. D. Jones, who is assisting
the editorial staff of the Advocate dur-
ing the Absence of Editor Talbot,
made a trip to Roswell Friday.

Gayle Talbot, a long-time friend of
the editor and a former newspaper
publisher of Dublin, spent Tuesday
night with friends in this city. Gayle
is now publishing a paper in Artesia,
N. M., which he says is the coming
city of the west. He was enroute to
southern Texas, on business.—Dutlin
Telephone.

Mr. Connor and Mr. James Gifford,
who is putting up the store building
for Mr. C. L. Higday are stopping at
East Side hotel.

Messrs. Hardwick and Pate were
guests at East Side Hotel Thursday.

Mr. J. K. Hastie, Sr., who was ex-
pected to arrive in Artesia Wednes-
day evening from Wellington, Kans.,
did not come.

Keep your friends posted. Send
them the Advocate.

Mr. P. I. Hess, who is in the gro-
cery business at Carlsbad, was look-
ing around Artesia this week and
paid the Advocate a pleasant call,
having been a printer once. He
says Carlsbad is enjoying a nice trade.

Mr. Frank Frost, the photographer
of Roswell, has been in Artesia this
week. He came down to take the
big new well and also several other
views.

Lynn S. Kennicott one of the Cot-
tonwood bachelors was in the city
Wednesday making purchases for his
ranch. We think from appearance the
purchases were mostly for the cu-
linary department. We understand
he is becoming a connoisseur of the
cooking art.

Chapman & Sperry are making a
cook shack to carry with their well
drill outfit.

J. A. Hitchins is completing an
additional room to his house, four
miles south of town.

J. B. Banner, just in from Texas
is shaping up timber for temporary
dwellings, till he can build a good
residence, seven miles southwest of
town. Mr. Banner has a drill, and
will begin soon to drill an artesian
well on his land near the Penasco

J. M. Hogg, south of Hope is build-
ing a three-room cottage.

J. C. Noel of Hope, has just bought
lumber preparatory to building a res-
idence in his "Hopeful" town.

Walter Cavness is making some
additions to his claim house just
north of town.

Mr. Crago has moved his tin shop
into the house formerly occupied by
Mr. Christian as meat market and
grocery store.

Miss Sholars, daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Lewis Sholars arrived in Arte-
sia Wednesday. As a result Papa
Sholars is walking about with shoul-
ders well back and head away up.
Of course we all are smoking good
cigars and shaking Lewis' hand in
congratulation. The Advocate joins
in welcoming the young lady. "May
she live long and prosper."

Mr. J. F. Stanford, has closed a
contract with Mout & Thomas to drill
a well on his place five miles south-
west of town.

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affords, clean beds and courteous treatment to all.

GIVE US A TRIAL.

R. W. YEARGIN, Proprietor.

Mr. Gilbert south of Artesia will
soon have the pleasure of watching
the Sperry and Chapman drill work-
ing on his land.

Mr. R. A. Lovelace has completed
his house on his claim four miles
northeast of town and will be at home
hereafter to all callers.

Mr. Naylor has completed a sur-
face well on Jas. Howard's claim
northwest of town.

Mr. Babb is drilling a surface well
for Mr. Ritchie.

Circle & Strong report good progress
on their Artesian well northwest of
town. Everyone is closely following
their progress as this will develop the
possibilities in a new part of the vi-
cinity.

Heath & Chambers are having a
rocky time, but still the big drill
goes down. Their experience in
drilling in this part of the country
enables them to meet any difficul-
ties.

Joe Clayton has finished a reser-
voir on his desert claim and has been
running water over the land.

Papa Sholars Oh Papat Pass the
cigars please.

Remember the election today.

Notice For Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
LAND OFFICE AT ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO,
November 4, 1903.
Notice is hereby given that the follow-
ing named settler has filed notice of his intention
to make final proof in support of his claim and
that said proof will be made before the Regis-
trator or Receiver at Roswell, New Mexico, on
December 14, 1903, viz: JAMES F. RICHARDS,
Homestead Applicant on No. 1072, for the NW
Quarter of SW Quarter, Sec. 15, T. 15 S., R. 19
E. He names the following witnesses to prove
his continuous residence upon and cultivation
of said land, viz: Joseph W. Taylor of Hope
N. M.; Daniel Davis of Hope, N. M.; George
Mottson of Hope, N. M.; William O. Gray, of
Hope, N. M. HOWARD LELAND, Register.

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and if you want a vineyard of these superb
is other grapes and other desirable California
varieties, also mannafruit, P. per-ashell pears,
I make the trees, I root them and other orna-
mentals grown in the Fancher Creek Nurseries
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HOTEL SOLD.

Mr. White, who has owned and ably conducted this popular hotel will now devote his time to improving his real estate holdings in the vicinity of Artesia. Mr. Yeargin the purchaser, comes highly recommended to us and will no doubt be successful in his new enterprise. We understand he will immediately begin improvements in the building and equipments. The added room will go toward meeting a much felt want in growing Artesia.

NEW BANK BUILDING.

Mr. S. P. Denning the popular contractor is in the city to begin work on the First National Bank building. The cuts and diagrams show that it will be an excellent building.

The lower floor will be fully equipped in the most modern fashion for banking business. The second floor will be arranged for lodge work, so that all lodges may find necessary room and arrangement for their respective work.

The building will be substantially built of solid brick walls eleven and nine inches. The strong stone foundation will be fortified by a thirty-inch concrete base. The ceiling on ground floor will be fourteen feet, on second floor eleven and one-half feet.

Such buildings give an idea of the substantial growth that Artesia is taking on. This will no doubt encourage the building of other buildings a credit to any city. Main street is getting to be a surprise, with its number of good store buildings, to those who have not been here for some time. We are fortunate to have a banking concern with the public spirit and enterprise that these gentlemen show. We would advise you to keep your eye on Artesia.

Mr. Cecil... the fortunate possessors of the big well was in Roswell the early part of the week. Of course he mentioned the well. Several came back with him to see the wonder, among them was Mr. Frost the popular photographer. They are all of the same opinion that there is nothing like it.

Mr. Frank Johnson, son of Mr. George Johnson is enjoying the sport of hunting with his father who down here. He was out all winter in the Pecos Valley.

Contest Notice.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
Roswell, New Mexico,
September 17, 1903.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by James K. Walling, contestant, against homestead entry No. 3818, made March 5, 1903, for the NE 1/4 Sec. 32, T. 18, S. Range 23, E., by John P. Corder, Contestee, in which it is alleged that said John P. Corder has not established any residence on said land or made any improvements thereon, and said John P. Corder has wholly abandoned said land for more than six months last past, and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States, in time of war; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on November 20, 1903 before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, New Mexico.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit filed, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

HOWARD LELAND, Register.
DAVID L. GEYER, Receiver.

Notice.

Tennie Knox, Plaintiff, vs. Charles H. Knox, Defendant. Suit for a divorce No. 553.

The Defendant Charles H. Knox in the above entitled cause, take notice that Tennie Knox plaintiff in said cause has brought suit against said defendant in the district court of said county, Territory of New Mexico, for an absolute decree of a divorce, dissolving the bonds of matrimony between her and said defendant, Charles H. Knox, charging said defendant with abandonment and failure to support plaintiff. Unless said defendant enters his appearance in said cause on or before the 21st day of December A. D. 1903. Judgment will be entered against him by default.

J. T. Evans is plaintiff's attorney, his post-office is Roswell, N. M.

Given under my hand and seal of said court this 29th day of October, A. D. 1903.

[SEAL] **JOHN E. GRIFFITH, Clerk.**

We are glad to hear of Mr. Gore's boom for Justice of the Peace. He will make an excellent officer in all respects, the matrimonial not the least. His ministerial experience making him particularly qualified for that duty. Those intending taking such a step may feel assured of having the service performed expeditiously and with proper amount of dignity.

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**"What an Eastern Man
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The famous newspaper correspondent, Henry Hall, made a trip through the Pecos Valley last spring and the "Pecos Valley Lines" Passenger Department has reprinted what he had to say in a neat little folder suitable for mailing. Send us a list of names and we will take pleasure in giving your friends in the east an opportunity to read what Mr. Hall says.

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